



FOLLOW THE PROPHET

Showing Love through SERVICE

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As a child President Thomas S. Monson learned to help others any way he could. He grew up in an area of Salt Lake City, Utah, that was hit hard by the Great Depression. He watched his mother fix meals for people who had no food and his father give jobs to people who had no work. His parents' examples taught him to look for opportunities to bless others.

When he became an Apostle, President Monson was assigned to watch over the Church in Eastern

Europe. The members there had very little money, and it was hard for them to buy new clothing. While visiting East Germany, President Monson noticed a man at church whose suit was very worn. The man's name was Brother Adler.

After the meeting President Monson changed into a pair of pants and a shirt he had packed in his suitcase. He then handed his almost-new suit to Brother Adler and said, "I think this will fit you."

Brother Adler was surprised. Before he could say anything, President Monson offered his shoes as well. The shoes were too big for Brother Adler, but a man standing nearby said the shoes would fit his son. President Monson handed his shoes to the man and wore an old pair from his bag.

For the next 20 years, President Monson took extra clothes every time he visited East Germany. His generosity blessed many people. Before one Church meeting began, he looked at a young man sitting in the congregation and said, "That's a fine suit you have on."

The young man replied, "It should be. It's yours!"

President Monson's example teaches us to show love for others as we serve them. ♦



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Tell us how you've served!
See page 15 to send us your
"Helping Hand."
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SERVICE ALL AROUND

President Monson teaches that we can help others no matter where we are! Look at the pictures below and circle the ones that show kids helping others.



HOW CAN YOU SERVE?

1. We are all blessed with talents that help us serve others. List yours in your journal or on a piece of paper. Ask your family what they think your talents are.
2. At the end of your list, write one way you can use those talents to help others this week.
3. How could you use your talents to help others in the situations below?



Service Idea: CLOTHING DRIVE

Do you have clothes you don't wear anymore? With a parent's permission, go through your closet and gather clothes to give to others. Make sure the clothes are clean and look nice. You can donate the clothes through Deseret Industries or other local charities. Now you're serving like President Monson!

